(b) to (d) The list shall be incorporated in the new Drugs Prices Control Order.

Power deficit in Punjab

3379. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN SAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be plteased to state;

(a) what would be the estimated power deficit faced by Punjab by the end of Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans respectively; and

(by what are the main features of the State Government's representations to-the Central Government for meeting the future shortage and what is the Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The estimated power deficit in Punjab at the end of the Eighth Plan is likely to be 1077 MW. The power supply position in Punjab during the Ninth Plan could be assessed only after the Eighth Plan Power Programme is finalised by the Planning Commission.

(b) The Government of Punjab have asked for additional resources for the on-going power projects, the Ranjit Sagar Dam Power Project, and other new power projects. An additional outlay of Rs. 11,200 crores has been assessed during the Seventh Plan for taking advance action on Central and State Power Projects intended to yield benefits during the Eighth Plan pe riod. This includes power projects of Punjab also.

Techno-economic feasibility of tidal Power

3380. DR. C. SILVERA;
SHRI KAPIL VERMA

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has undertaken any pro-gramme to establish the techno-economic feasibility of tidal power;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof-

(c) what are the results of the tidal power project undertaken in the Gulf of Kutch; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of the project and what is the envisaged installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The Central Electricity Authority has undertaken investigations and studies leading to the preparation of techno-economic feasibility report for a tidal power plant in the Guf of Kachchh in Gujarat. The field investigations have almost been completed and engineering studies are in progress. The feasibility report is scheduled to be completed in March, 1988. As per the studies carried out so far the tidal power plant may have an installed capacity of about 850 MW. Estimated cost of the project can be assessed only after its feasibility has been established.

Technology to use low calorific value coal gas

3381. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: DR. C. SILVERA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL have developed a technology which envisages the use of low calorific value coal gas in place of fuel oil for the warm up and low load stabilisation of pulverised coal flame in boilers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the estimated savings in consumption of fuel oil due to this technology?